



International Bible Lesson
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The Natural and Supernatural Light

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Genesis 1:1-13

“God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness” (Genesis 1:4).

After creating the heavens and the earth, God said, “Let there be light,” and the light shined into the darkness (Genesis 1:3). From the New Testament, we learn that all things were made through Jesus Christ and nothing was made without Him (John 1:3). We also learn that life was in Jesus, and “the life was the light of all people” (John 1:4). Jesus Christ, the supernatural Light of the world, created the natural light that revealed God’s creative work to the watching angels and makes life on earth possible. Because of both the natural and supernatural light, “in Jesus we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). We also learn from Genesis that Jesus had the power to create the natural light without first needing to create the sun and the stars. Furthermore, He did not need to rotate the earth to separate the light from the darkness. When God separated the light from the darkness, God said that the light was good. After creating the sun, moon and stars, God used the darkness to give animals and people time to rest and enjoy a starry night. Ever since creation, both the natural and supernatural light have shined in the darkness and “the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). Genesis reveals the wisdom, power, and goodness of God. Jesus is “the true light which enlightens everyone;” therefore, Paul wrote, “What can be known about God is plain” and “ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made” (John 1:9, Romans 1:19, 20).

Thinking Further

1. Describe what was the earth like after God first created the heavens and the earth?
2. After creating the heavens and the earth, what did God create next? Why do you think God created that next?
3. As God created, what judgments did God make?
4. What are some of the items God separated as God created day by day?
5. What are some things you have learned about God in this lesson?

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